

Negro Fair Exhibits Varied, Interesting

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The gates opened at noon yesterday for the Negro Division of the Mississippi State Fair held at the fairgrounds.

The Negro Fair will run three days—Monday through Wednesday—with exhibits from 4-H Clubs, Home Demonstration Clubs, Negro colleges, NHA and NFA from over the state.

The Lost and Found Booth, operated jointly by the Jackson Police Department and the Army Reserve, will operate during these next three days.

The Parchman booth, selling products made by Negro inmates of the penitentiary is set up also with Negro trustees Gerald Louis, Walter French, and Sammy Lee Walker manning the booth, under the direction of R. L. (Pat) Patterson, educational director at the penitentiary.

The 4-Hers from 18 counties presented "a world of good eating" and showed rows of canned vegetables in colorful exhibits. Standing next to the canned vegetables were ears of corn stacked neatly by the boxes of snow white cotton. Some 3,485 Negro youngsters had used cotton as their 4-H Club project and from the looks of things, all were winners in their field.

Next to the cotton was a display of velvet-skinned sweet potatoes, pretty enough to eat raw.

The Marion County Exhibit presented teen-age nutrition demonstrated by a sloppy Careless Carrie and a trim Keen Eileen.

Holmes County 4-Hers had fall-out on their minds and their exhibit showed food, equipment, and space needed for a fallout shelter suitable for a family of five. The Washington County exhibit demonstrated the value of cotton and the farmer's share of the product.

"Bushels of happiness, jars of health, wagon loads of wealth" were features of the Lincoln County display while the Coahoma County booth showed the value of extension work down from the national level to the farm home.

The Humphreys County display showed how to preserve summer health for winter wealth with an appetizing array of fresh food. Across the aisle the New Homemakers of America urged students to make plans for growth, service to others, planning careers, and to determine and measure values.

Home Demonstration members showed canned goods and an Arts and Crafts exhibit that was strictly top level work. Quilts, crocheted doilies, novelty sets, wall plaques, and monogrammed trays were attention getters and the type of goods that demonstrated the careful work behind them.

Jackson State College students worked feverishly to build a brick wall to set off their displays of modern furniture and art and across the building, students from Mississippi Vocational College did the same thing.

Furniture, toys, food, and home furnishings were on display from the Oakley Training School while the Alcorn College display featured art work depicting the college and offering information about the school. Alcorn College is the oldest land grant college in the nation.

Utica Junior College showed a display of the campus, drawn to scale.

Livestock judging, swine and poultry judging will be held tomorrow.

On the midway the Royal American shows had rides and thrills aplenty.